

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-9 and 12-26 are pending in the present Application. Claim 18 has been canceled and claims 1, 9, 12, 17, 19-23, 25, and 26 have been amended, leaving Claims 1-4, 6-9, 12-17, and 19-26 for consideration upon entry of the present Amendment.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claim 18 as originally filed. The remaining claim amendments have been made to render the claim language consistent and uniform with Claim 1.

No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-4, 6-9 and 12-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as allegedly unpatentable over United States Patent No. 6,348,540 to Sugioka, et al. (Sugioka) or European Patent No. 1 045 003 to Kugure, et al. (Kugure), each independently in combination with European Patent No. 0 509 506 to Matsumura, et al. (Matsumura). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

The claims have been amended to specify the non-halogen flame retardant. As such, the claims no longer read on the cited art as the fillers of the cited art cannot be cross-purposed as non-halogen flame retardants. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection(s) and rejection(s) and allowance of the case are respectfully requested.

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